UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

PATRICK GRAHAM et al.,

Plaintiffs, **ORDER**

08 Civ. 4363 (LAP)(GWG) -v.-

CORRECTION OFFICER KNEBEL et al.,

Defendants.

GABRIEL W. GORENSTEIN, United States Magistrate Judge.

The docket sheet in this action indicates that the complaint was filed on May 9, 2008 and that no proof of service of the summons and complaint has been filed. Rule 4(m) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure provides:

> If a defendant is not served within 120 days after the complaint is filed, the court – on motion or on its own after notice to the plaintiff – must dismiss the action without prejudice against that defendant or order that service be made within a specified time. But if the plaintiff shows good cause for the failure, the court must extend the time for service for an appropriate period. This subdivision (m) does not apply to service in a foreign country under Rule 4(f) or 4(j)(1).

In accordance with this rule, plaintiffs are directed to arrange for prompt service of the summons and complaint on the defendant(s). If service is not made by September 15, 2008, or if no application is made in writing by such date to extend the time for service showing good cause for the failure to serve, this action may be dismissed.

Please be aware that the Pro Se Office at the United States Courthouse, 500 Pearl Street, Room 230, New York, New York 10007 (Telephone: (212) 805-0175) may be of assistance in connection with court procedures.

SO ORDERED.

Dated: August 14, 2008 New York, New York

United States Magistrate Judge

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